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The tour so far

AUST. VICTORY SLIPPED ON A MUD PATCH

— By PAUL DEAN —

Only for a handful of mud, AS Roma would have suffered their first tour defeat last Monday against a very spirited Australian XI.

With one minute to go, a vague Roma cross suddenly stuck in the mud, tricking Rorke and Edwards and enabling Roma to scramble home to a draw.

And were the Romans happy ... They embraced and kissed as if they had just won the European Cup instead of merely drawing with a scratch Australian XI. that had never trained together before the match.

Unintentional compliment

That, more than anything else, may be taken not only as a compliment for Australian soccer but also a sure sign that AS Roma are not what they are supposed to be: a classy team.

Hence the disappointment of all those who still want to believe that every European team is a great one, every player a Pele.

Great teams are in painfully short supply even in Europe while Pele... well, there is only one.

In fact, Roma proved to us what we have suspected for some time now: given the same facilities, conditions and training opportunities, scores of our leading NSW players could be just as good as they are.

Last Monday's match also proved something else.

If we overestimated Roma's strength, we once again undervaluated our own teams' skill.

Victoria, NSW and now the Australian XI. (really a NSW side, under a pseudonym) all stood up to the Romans and were anything but outclassed.

So if you complain about the lack of "display" by Roma, also bear in mind that they played only as well as they were allowed to.

Last Monday Roma were trying desperately, towards the end, straining lungs and limbs to avoid defeat.

They stared defeat straight in the face and didn't like the look of it.

But try as they did, they would have certainly lost except for that one lucky bounce which earlier in the match had eluded them and now, in the most critical moment, came to their rescue.

Those who still live in a dreamworld and insist that Roma played at half pace should have talked to the Romans themselves.

Several members of the AS Roma party — officials, players and accompanying journalists — claimed this week that their team played in "average form" in Australia.

"You expected something attractive and exciting and now you're disappointed," said Enzo Petrucci, correspondent of "Il Messaggero".

"But that is Italian soccer for you.

"At its best, it can be stirring and incredibly exciting — but very seldom spectacular."

Roma's young forward Fabio Enzo said that in the whole of the 1965-66 campaign Roma had not played one truly spectacular league match.

"In Italy no club can afford to take the risk of losing," he said.

"Consequently, they all play safe, with reinforced defences.

"AS Roma usually play with only two true forwards, positioned about the centre and the right wing.

"The others are either linkmen or pure defenders.

"In the whole of Italy there is only one possible exception to that rule and that is Bologna.

"Traditionally they play spectacular soccer — and in Haller, Pascutti, Bulgarelli and others, also have the men to do it."

AS Roma will play three more matches in Australia: in Melbourne, Adelaide and Perth.

In each case they are likely to draw large and enthusiastic crowds.

Those who will go and see them — and they are certainly worth seeing — will probably watch some fairly close, at times exciting matches.

And when it's all over, they will possibly agree with us that AS Roma are not all that good as they were made out to be — and the Australian teams are certainly much better than they had believed it themselves.

FUN IN THE RAIN

TOP: Australia's lion-hearted inside left Danny Walsh vies for the ball with fiery Roma halfback Carpanesi, one of the Italians' best players last Monday. BELOW: Australian skipper Trevor Edwards has just headed the ball coveted by Roma's left winger Francesconi into corner. Edwards also had centreforward Da Silva well covered in this instance while Benitez on the far left was ready to pounce on the chance.

For full details of last weekend's thrilling 1-1 draw turn to page 8.

AMATEURS WILL JOIN FEDERATION

— By KEITH GILMOUR —

The NSW Amateur Association has decided to seek direct affiliation with the NSW Federation and the Northern League.

It will permit development problems to be resolved on the ground of sound principle, instead of the usual hurly-burly of misunderstanding and parish pump politics.

The NSW Federation will continue its sponsorship of professional coaches for Association Representative under 16 and 18 teams.

The next Metropolitan Championship round takes place this Sunday.

Secretary Brian Emery has announced an interesting country program.

The Northern Zone Associations will play a full round competition each Sunday in July.

The Southern/Western Zones will start with Shoalhaven v. Lithgow at an Illawarra ground on June 26.

Newcastle will stage the country finals on August 28.

COMPETITION TABLES

FIRST DIVISION

Grade I.

APIA *	5	1	—	24	7	11
St. George	4	1	2	20	11	9
Prague	4	1	2	16	22	9
Hakoah	3	1	3	17	11	7
Croatia	2	3	2	11	21	7
Pan Hellenic *	2	2	2	18	15	6
SCU	2	2	3	11	12	6
Cumberland	3	—	4	17	18	6
Yugal	1	2	4	12	17	4
Corinthians	—	3	4	2	14	3

* One match in hand.

Grade II.

St. George	5	2	—	22	7	12
Hakoah	5	2	—	21	9	12
SCU	4	2	1	15	10	10
Croatia	2	4	1	14	10	8
Pan Hellenic *	3	—	3	13	10	6
Cumberland	3	—	4	12	11	6
APIA *	2	1	3	11	14	5
Yugal	1	2	4	11	22	4
Corinthians	1	2	4	8	17	4
Prague	—	1	6	5	20	1

* One match in hand.

Grade III.

Prague	5	1	1	26	11	11
Pan Hellenic *	5	—	1	16	8	10
Croatia	4	2	1	24	13	10
Cumberland	4	1	2	21	9	9
APIA *	4	1	1	16	10	9
SCU	3	—	4	14	18	6
Hakoah	2	1	4	11	20	5
St. George	1	2	4	11	17	4
Corinthians	1	1	5	10	24	3
Yugal	—	1	6	7	26	1

* One match in hand.

SECOND DIVISION

Grade I.

Polonia-NS	6	1	—	23	4	13
Melita Eagles	5	1	1	21	10	11
W. Olympic *	5	—	3	19	16	10
Canterbury	5	—	2	19	21	10
Bankstown	4	1	2	21	13	9
Granville-AEK	2	2	3	18	15	6
Syd. Austral *	2	1	5	22	27	5
Hornsby-NE	1	2	4	11	17	4
Western Utd.	1	2	4	10	17	4
Sutherland	—	—	7	5	29	—

* Played one match more.

Grade II.

Bankstown	7	—	—	44	5	14
Canterbury	4	3	—	20	8	11
Syd. Austral *	4	3	1	22	14	11
Melita Eagles	3	4	—	19	10	10
Polonia-NS	4	—	3	17	20	8
W. Olympic *	3	1	4	11	29	7
Granville-AEK	2	1	4	18	21	5
Sutherland	1	1	5	19	22	3
Hornsby-NE	1	1	5	10	19	3
Western Utd.	—	—	7	6	39	—

* Played one match more.

INTER-SUBURBAN TABLES

First Division

Marconi	9	—	1	39	11	18
Manly	7	2	2	28	16	16
N. Bankstown	6	1	3	28	13	13
W. Waratah	5	1	5	30	28	11
Lane Cove	5	1	4	18	21	11
Concordia	5	1	5	20	26	11
Sth. Sydney	4	2	3	19	22	10
Artarmon	2	2	7	22	29	6
Belmore	2	—	7	14	26	4
Thistle	1	—	9	15	40	2

Second Division

Marrickville	10	—	—	52	8	20
NS-Inter	8	1	3	37	14	17
Uni. NSW	6	2	2	30	22	14
Ryde	6	1	2	29	11	13
Sydney Uni.	5	1	5	22	32	11
East Sydney	4	1	5	24	24	9
Kewpies	4	—	7	24	23	8
Lidcombe	2	1	7	17	28	5
Auburn	2	1	7	16	35	5
Padstow	—	—	10	9	59	—

Third Division

Penrith	7	2	1	30	13	16
Guildford	7	1	3	26	13	15
Willoughby	6	—	5	30	25	12
Gymea	5	1	5	33	30	11
Western Subs.	5	1	4	25	23	11
Yagoona	5	1	4	25	36	11
Warringah	3	3	5	23	25	9
Arncliffe	2	4	3	24	17	8
Liverpool	3	1	6	24	40	7
Rapids	1	2	8	19	37	4

Fourth Division

East Side	9	1	—	46	11	19
All Stars	7	1	2	33	14	15
Liverpool Inter	5	1	4	37	17	11
Dee Why	4	2	4	30	17	10
Blacktown	4	1	6	18	28	9
Condell Park	3	2	5	17	30	8
Smithfield	3	—	6	21	29	6
Bankstown	—	—	8	9	66	—
Slavia	8	—	3	17	13	16
SM-Hellas	6	2	3	26	14	14

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

FIRST DIVISION

Croatia v. Hakoah	0-0	3-2
Corinthians v. SCU	1-1	1-2
St. George v. Prague	5-2	2-2
Yugal v. Cumberland	1-6	—

SECOND DIVISION

Canterbury v. Syd. Aust.	4-3	2-2
Granville v. Bankstown	1-3	0-4
M. Eagles v. W. United	4-1	5-2
Hornsby v. Sutherland	4-2	3-2
Wollongong v. Polonia	0-5	2-1

LEADING SCORERS

G. GIACOMETTI (APIA)	10
G. YARDLEY (St.George)	8
J. KEDDIE (Cumberland)	6
H. NINAUS (Hakoah)	6
W. KERKLAAN (APIA)	5
J. KARYANNIS (Pan Hellenic)	5
G. SLEIGHT (Prague)	5
B. SMITH (Pan Hellenic)	5
J. WARREN (St.George)	5
J. WATKISS (APIA)	5

SYDNEY RESULTS & DETAILS

RESULTS & SCORERS

Croatia

3 (2)

R. Fraser 7 & 50 mins., R. Swoboda 41 min.

Hakoah

1 (1)

H. Ninaus 30 min.

Sth. Coast

1 (0)

C. Dickson 70 min.

Corinthians

1 (0)

R. Hunter 75 min.

Yugal

0 (0)

Cumberland

6 (2)

J. Keddie 22, 44 & 49 mins., D. Goldie 46 min., P. Keen 70 min., M. Collins 82 min.

St. George

6 (3)

G. Yardley 4 & 39 mins., J. Warren 37 & 87 mins., W. Todd 82 min., V. Fernandez 84 min.

Prague

2 (1)

R. Hoare 5 min., G. Sleight 89 min.

HOW THEY LINED UP

R. Corry 3; *B. Lincoln* 5, P. Bonham 4; I. Tomicic 3, R. Baker 4, *V. Reynolds* 5; A. Dove 3, B. Tyrrell 4, R. Fraser 4, R. Giles 4, R. Swoboda 4.

TOTAL: 44 Coach: L. Baumgartner

P. Fuzes 3; T. Ewards 3, I. Hillsdon 4; D. Walsh 3, A. Marnoch 3, D. Edwards 4; J. Christie 3, R. Fekete 3, H. Ninaus 3, J. Duffy 3, D. Holden 3.

TOTAL: 35 Coach: T. Jelisavcic

I. Astill 3, P. Woods 3, A. Ringland 4, P.-Carr 4, J. Harris 4, B. Salisbury 3; P. Beattie 3, S. Davies 2, C. Dickson 2, E. Freeme 3, D. Patterson 3.

TOTAL: 34 Coach: J. Harris

D. Griffin 4; M. Moulson 3, H. Noon 4; W. Macarthy 4, R. Robinson 4, B. Williams 3; D. Clapton 2, R. Hunter 2, T. Arnold 3, T. Hill 3, S. Hart 2.

TOTAL: 34 Coach: F. Broome

B. Nezmah 3; A. Nacinovic 3, I. Djukic 2; L. Lazarevic 3, M. Stojanovic 3, S. Rafaneli 2; J. Alagich 3, A. Vicevic 3, A. Nincevic 2, S. Bobic 2, S. Pacanin (sent off).

TOTAL: 26 Coach: S. Viskovich.

J. Fisher 4; W. Addison 4, J. Mucillo 4; N. Townsend 3, P. Keen 4 (injured), G. McPhail 4; D. Goldie 4, J. Fernie 2, J. Richardson 3, M. Collins 3, *J. Keddie* 5.

TOTAL: 40 Coach: L. Quested

F. Haffey 3; S. Isaac 4, R. Hillary 4; M. Schaefer 4, H. Stegbauer 4, T. Zuckerman 4, *W. Todd* 5, *J. Warren* 6, *G. Yardley* 5, V. Fernandez 3, N. Telfer 3.

TOTAL: 45 Coach: L. Hegyes.

I. Kelly 3; G. Harcombe 3, A. Falzon 3; G. Jones 3, M. Henderson 3, J. Bond 4; G. Sleight 3, N. Badaracco 3, M. Kvacek 2, L. Scheinflug 3, R. Hoare 3.

TOTAL: 33 Coach: S. Cambal

SUMMING UP THE MATCHES

In an amazing reversal of form Croatia outclassed Hakoah in every department to win much more easily than the score indicates. The final score flatters Hakoah who were never in the race , apart from the 10 minutes after Ninaus got the equalizer through a fine individual effort. Croatia won convincingly because their defence played much tighter than in previous matches. The return of Reynolds to the halfback line strengthened Croatia's defence considerably. From the kickoff Croatia were faster to the ball and much more methodical than their opponents who lacked purpose both in attack and defence where big mix-ups occured frequently. Highlight of the match were the two splendid goals scored by the forceful makeshift Croatia centre-forward Bob Fraser whose vigor often upset State centre-half Marnoch.

Referee: F. Woolman.

Crowd: 1,250. — LOU GAUTIER

A poor match played in atrocious conditions which prevented constructive football. The first half was very even and the 0-0 draw at the interval was a true reflection of play, which had been mainly centred midfield. South Coast were on top for the whole second half and Corinthians did very well to force a draw. Both goals, however, were the result of elementary defensive mistakes, particularly Corinthians' shock equalizer. Few players stood out in this amateur standard match.

Referee: I. Timms.

Crowd: 500. — RICK BRUCE

After an even 30 minutes, when Cumberland's drive was equalled by Yugal's polish, Cumberland settled down to give a workmanlike and often inspiring exhibition. It was Keddie's day. After bouncing one shot past the advancing Nezmah with his back to Yugal's goal, he proceeded to net again from a similar play, combined nicely in Goldie's goal, and netted well for a third. Cumberland's defence was always tight, and Yugal's forwards were outgeneralled. Yugal were still in the game at half-time, but Cumberland were 4-0 in the 49th minute. Yugal's defence was uncertain, and their attack was slow.

Referee: H. Eilerts.

Crowd: 2,900. — KEITH GILMOUR

Saints' forwards gave another scintillating, irresistible display. Magnificently inspired by skipper Warren, who gave an immaculate display for the entire 90 minutes, St. George always held the upper hand. Prague, in the second half, were continually pinned down in their half of the field and it was nothing short of miraculous that their shaky, disorganised defence held out until the dying stages before conceding another three goals. St. George gave a polished display, combining clever ball control with devastating finishing power. Prague, on the other hand, played without any purpose whatsoever and could have conceded more goals.

Crowd: 1,800.

Referee: A.R. Brown. — LOU GAUTIER

RESULT SCOREBOARD

	S. Coast	St. George	APIA	Yugal	Prague	Hakoah	Croatia	Cumberland	Pan Hellenic	Corinthians
South Coast Utd.	●	0-0		3-2					5-3	
St. George		●	0-3		6-2		9-0		0-4	
APIA	2-0		●		8-1		2-2			
Yugal		2-3		●		0-0		0-6		0-0
Prague	2-1				●			3-2		1-0
Hakoah			1-3		1-3	●			4-2	
Croatia				1-7		3-1	●	3-0		1-1
Cumberland	2-1		3-6			0-5		●		
Pan Hellenic				4-1	4-4		1-1		●	
Corinthians	1-1	0-2				0-5		0-4		●

THE "Australian XI." of last Monday was a predominantly Sydney team. NSW provided the meat and Victoria added the Rice . . .

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G. FRASER
R. GILES
R. SWOBODA

TEAM OF THE WEEK
D. GRIFFIN (Corinthians)
B. LINCOLN (Croatia)
J. MUCILLO (Cumberland)
P. CARR (SCU)
R. BAKER (Croatia)
V. REYNOLDS (Croatia)
W. TODD (St.George)
J. WARREN (St.George)
G. YARDLEY (St.George)
R. Giles (Croatia)
J. KEDDIE (Cumberland)

APIA in bid to pull away in race

BY PAUL DEAN

Two matches on Saturday and four on Sunday, including Sydney's great "ethnic derby" promise rich fare for the fans.

With shock results the order of the day, the competition is hotting up considerably.

This weekend APIA will have the chance of collecting four points — and pulling right away from the others.

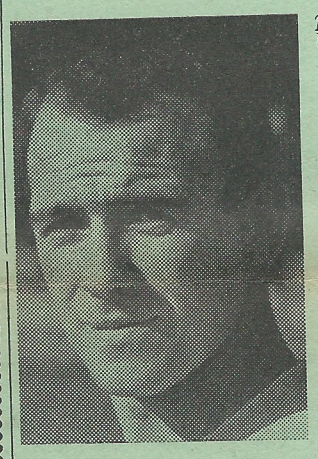
But don't bet on it — they may also be just about due for a surprise or two.

The program is:

Pan Hellenic v. Corinthians

The week's rest may have been a blessing for Pan Hellenic, enabling them to reorganise their ranks.

In their last match against Prague their defence showed remarkable weaknessses while the forwards played well only spasmodically.



D. WRIGHT (Pan Hellenic)

Corinthians, despite their gallant draw at Woonona last week, are still in trouble.

They have collected their three points with only two goals scored and this type of morsel-picking won't get them far.

Pan Hellenic are by far the stronger of the two teams and unless they have a bad relapse, should clinch the points.

Watch for: Karyannis in Pan Hellenic pouring his heart into the game.

APIA v. Yugal

It will be interesting to see to what extent APIA's representative players feel the effects of over-exposure, if any.

Also, APIA as a team may have suffered somewhat as about half their players have been training with other squads.

However, APIA have always been noted for their great physical strength and they should come through this ordeal fairly well.

To sooth their worries, they will meet a Yugal which seems to be back at its listless worst.

Unless Stojanovic and his men strike a happier mood than last week, they can look forward to another heavy defeat.

APIA are certainly the favorites and they should collect the points without too much bother.

Watch for: Nuttall in APIA playing better than ever.

Cumberland v. St. George

Both teams scored a neat half dozen last week which shows that their forwards are in superb form.

Cumberland's great win was characterised by a solid display built on team work and a brilliant Keddie.

They will be hard to toss in their present form, especially at Mona Park.

St. George, however, could do it if they keep up their tremendous zest and tempo.

Backed by a much improved defence, their forward line is often irresistible, with all five capable of making the game and also scoring.

Although they shouldn't always expect to score the multiples of three, St. George may chalk up yet another win.

Watch for: Warren playing better than ever before in his life.

Prague v. Croatia

As one lost heavily last week and the other scored a great win, the paper form clearly indicates a run-away Croatia win.

But with Croatia, there is no paper form.

Nobody seems to know until the last moment which of their 20 or so squad players will play, and in what position.

Also, their form appears to be dependent on their mood — how else could you explain a 0-9 loss and a 3-1 win in succession?

Prague are having serious defensive problems and until they rectify those, they will always be suspect against enterprising forward lines.

Although it's mad to tip for a Croatia match, we are inclined to feel the result will be close to a draw.

Watch for: Fraser in Croatia as the latest — and most successful leader of the attack.

South Coast v. Hakoah

After a very promising start, both have slumped considerably.

South Coast's forwards, especially with the forceful Mulqueeney seriously injured, lack punch and drive.

Hakoah are back where they were about a year ago — a rather disorganised lot, playing without dash and fire.

At home South Coast will play without too much inhibition and may turn the match into a duel of physical strength.

Hakoah's only chance is to revert to their close passing style and hope that Duffy, Walsh and Holden can hold the side together.

Either team can win but we fancy the visitors' chances in a low-scoring match.

Watch for: Harris in South Coast always giving a solid display as pivot.

APIA v. Pan Hellenic

This match should, given fair weather, draw the largest crowd of the season.

Postponed from last week, the game promises to be full of excitement and certainly not void of its traditional share of drama.

As both will have played the day before, physical strength will play a big part.

APIA are likely to have the harder match on Saturday and this may tell 24 hours later.

APIA's greater cohesion, more rehearsed pattern of play and superior stamina should however give them the points.

Watch for: No quarters given ...

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Sydney 2nd & 3rd grade summaries

SECOND GRADE

Croatia: Collazo; Bicanic, Snedden, Nadj, Bonazza, Gerbino, Fraser, Johnson, Guerrero, Mitchell, N. Kakakios.

Hakoah: Wilson, B. Berne, Thomson, Whitehead, Cooney, Skates, Parkin, McKnight, Smith, Reid, Bogie.

Referee: J. Hinkelman.

St. George: Clarke, Wills, Murphy, De Bruin, Morgan, Bird, Hillhouse, Piggott, Sandell, Burt, Nutley. **Goals:** Nutley (2), Bird, Sandell, Hillhouse.

Prague: King, Patterson, Hiron, Hearn, Tracey, Homoki, Fineberg, Miner, Lissing, Manuel, Smith. **Goals:** Lissing, Manuel.

Referee: A. Sorbie.

South Coast: Nuell, Kerr, Sherwin, Sutherland, Orphin, Barnaba, Weekes, Mullan, Coventry, Tweddle, Lodge. **Goal:** Tweddle.

Corinthians: Bathurst, Gray, Cheenych, Monyhan, Coverdale, Smee, Stanton, Fanning, Gales, Amey, Preece. **Goal:** Amey.

Referee: L. Rae.

Yugal: Katnic, Tomic, L. Urge, Patika, G. Clancey, Minofski, Knelevic, A. Urge, Fray, Mirich. **Goal:** Fray.

Cumberland: Brommett, Haggett, Keen, Charlton, Penfold, Bryce, Crocker, O'Neill, Entwhistle, Brownlie, Hartshorne. **Goals:** Entwhistle (2), Charlton, O'Neill, Brownlie, Mirich (own goal).

THIRD GRADE

Croatia: J. Saric, M. Saric, Phillips, Maciejak Stuart, Alce, Gunns, J. Kakakios, Sincek, Aversa, Allegra. **Goals:** Sincek (2) Gunns.

Hakoah: Jackman, Bauer Bertinetti, Scicluna, Migliacio, Devine, Reichard Woods, Hood, Lakmaker Perry. **Goals:** Hood (2).

Referee: L. Smit.

St. George: Kerle, Champion, Ralph, Cox, Matthews, Grant, Pascoe, Marsh, Adams, Mansfield, Woods. **Goals:** Mansfield (2).

Prague: Scavelli, Craig, L. Rootsey, R. Rootsey, Purcell, Scarfone, Armitage, Constable, Lowry, Beard, Robins. **Goals:** Constable, Lowry.

Referee: A. Faraone.

South Coast: Gerard, Whitefield, M. Weekes, Meredith, McCance, Paterson, Martin, Geadicke, Kenning, Garde. **Goals:** McCance, Geadicke.

Corinthians: Gorman, Campbell, Matthews, Wood, Nicholls, Cottle, Stewart, Ambrose, Sambrook, Woloszczykow, Korson. **Goal:** Sambrook.

Referee: R. Kniestedt.

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SYDNEY PROGRAM

THIS WEEKEND

SATURDAY, JUNE 18th

APIA v. Yugal	— Lambert Park
Pan Hellenic v. Corinthians	— Wentworth Park
Sydney Austral v. Polonia-NS	— SCG No. 2
Bankstown v. Canterbury	— Bankstown Oval

SUNDAY, JUNE 19th

APIA v. Pan Hellenic (postpd. match)	— Wentworth Pk.
South Coast v. Hakoah	— Woonona Oval
Prague v. Croatia	— Marks Field
Cumberland v. St. George	— Mona Park
Western Utd. v. Granville AEK	— Francis Park
Sutherland v. Melita Eagles	— Seymour Shaw Park
Wollongong Ol. v. Hornsby-NE	— Balgownie Oval

NEXT WEEKEND

SATURDAY, JUNE 25.

Prague v. Hakoah	— Marks Field
Pan Hellenic v. South Coast	— Wentworth Park
Bankstown v. Sydney Austral	— Bankstown Oval
Sutherland v. Granville-AEK	— Seymour Shaw Park

SUNDAY, JUNE 26.

Cumberland v. Croatia	— Mona Park
APIA v. St.George-Budapest	— Showground
Corinthians v. Yugal	— Jubilee Oval
Western United v. Canterbury	— Francis Park
Wollongong Olympic v. Melita Eagles	— Balgownie Oval
Hornsby-NE v. Polonia-NS	— Pennant Hills Oval

TIPSTERS' CORNER

THIS WEEKEND'S MATCHES	PAUL DEAN	LOU GAUTIER	EINAR PERSEN	RICK BRUCE	MARCEL NAGY	MOST FAV
P. Hellenic - Corinthians	1	1	1	1	1	1
APIA - Yugal	x	1	1	1	1	1
SCU - Hakoah	x	2	1	x	x	x
Prague - Croatia	1	x	x	1	x	x
Cumberland - St. George	2	2	x	2	2	2
P. Hellenic - APIA	2	2	x	2	2	2
Syd - Austral - Polonia	2	2	2	2	2	2
Bankstown - Canterbury	x	2	x	1	x	x
Western Utd - Granville	2	2	2	1	2	2
Sutherland - Melita Eagles	2	2	2	2	2	2
Wollong Ol. - Hornsby NE	1	1	1	1	1	1

Inter Suburban League results, teams, scorers

Artarmon's good draw

Artarmon, eighth in the Amateur First Division, fulfilled their early promise by gaining a 1-1 draw with Manly-Warringah at Artarmon Reserve last Saturday.

The team has lost many games against the topliners this season by the odd goal, due to lack of finish in the forwards.

Manly coach Denes Adrigan cannot understand Artarmon's lowly position.

Manly's score came from a penalty.

Andy McAlpine scored for Artarmon, to bring the half-time score to 1-1.

This was also the final count.

Artarmon's newly-found form has given them confidence for this week's game against Belmore.

They also aim to give league leader Marconi a shock in their next clash.

In Division Two, Marrickville, North Sydney, University of NSW and Ryde are drawing away from the field.

Gymea is the form team of the Third Division.

They followed up a 3-1 win over the powerful Yagoona club with a 5-2 victory at Seymour Shaw Park last week against Willoughby.

Willoughby had won 4-2 in Round 1 but this time Gymea led early, and never relaxed pressure.

East Side won 3-1 over Granville All Stars to tighten their grip on Division Four.

Ground standards are becoming a bigger topic for discussion amongst Inter-Suburban clubs.

Obviously the Federation will have to advance district clubs with wide backing and first class ovals.

District support must be built.

It is becoming clearer that strict promotion and relegation systems only partially fit in with the present stage of soccer development in Sydney.

— KEITH GILMOUR.

First Div. Referees

APIA v. Yugal — A. Boskovic; Pan Hellenic v. Corinthians — L. Wilson; Cumberland v. St. George — N. Jones; SCU v. Hakoah — J. Scarborough; Prague v. Croatia — J. Hinkelman; Pan Hellenic v. APIA — H. Parsons.

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SA: Perin 268, Chiappin 217, Baggio 23, West 18, Dos Santos 10.

Qld.: Keen 68, Snaith 54, Clemitson 25, Clark 23.

ACT: D'Ambrosio 62, Brosio 10, Binutti 6.

WA: Segon 95.

Tas.: Morosini 34, Carnevale 16, Zanetto 16.

TEAMS

FIRST DIVISION

Lane Cove: Langelaar, Naprta, Scotti, Schutze, Okon, Morn, Rovers, Seni, Prochizo, Zoratto (3), Vasvari.

Marconi: Reed, Banko, Gamble, Carter, Jagger, Neal, Martin, Mitchell, Thomas, Bunney, Carr.

Referee: M. Buchanan.

Artarmon: Mooney, Driscoll, Hardy, Williams, Anderson, Walters, Nacinovich, Harding, Arbuckle, Patterson, McAlpine (1).

Manly: Tuinman, Stelling, Brooks, Verrils, Campbell, Langelaar, Schofield, Harris, R. Jones, G. Jones (1), Waller.

Referee: L. Wilson.

SECOND DIVISION

University NSW: Williams, Chullabohdi, See, Stokes, Bayliss, Spicer (1), Lui, Cheung, Orchard (3), Chantrill, Lee.

Auburn: Shiply, Roberts, Davidson, Fowler, Schofield, Church, Timms (1), Maguire, Harvey, Johnson, Forrester.

Referee: L. Vaness.

Kewpies: Twining, Armitage, Thorley, White (1), Shepherd, Nowland, Bourke, Buckingham, Munn (2), Brown, Eady.

Ryde: Lee, McWilliams, Mason, Forrest, Morgan, B. Cooper, Hibburt, Van Der Wal, Beattie (4), Bakaric, A. Cooper.

Referee: G. Summerbell.

E. Sydney Atlantic: Laroakis, Koutsoukis, Hondros, Stavrinos, Tsambourenis, Piperides, Kaperonis, Papadakis, Lardakis, Hind, Petrov.

NS Inter: De Francesco, Impellezzeri, Rickering, Suttie (1), Rothenfluh, Burke, Monno, Lorenzo (1), Beekie (1), Como, McKenna (2).

Referee: H. Kuczynski.

THIRD DIVISION

Liverpool: Lindsay, Collier, Bateman, Bemarrold, Bierman, Grencoe, Stevenson, Waite, Garrett, Harriman, Oliver.

Yagoona: Moseley, Parks, Campbell, McAllister, Maters, Superina, Kent, P. Lewis, Hughes, Smith, K. Lewis.

Referee: W. Addis.

Riverside Rapids: Andersen, Ashford, Lattmann, Niess, Rossbach, Piwonka, Schlegelhofer, Karlowatz, Schnabel, Engelmaier, Steinfelder.

West. Suburbs: Ruggeri, Bastion, Newby, Hinkley, Samuels, Smith, Holmes, De Paoli, Stanley, Rendall, Robertson.

Referee: M. Robinson.

Gymea: London, Wilson, Wall, Lummy, Beerman (1), Jeffreys, Aspin, Gough, J. Brown (1), B. Brown (1), Kelly.

Willoughby: Tilley, Bamford, Fellows, Loughran, Madras, Thomas, Westland (1), Thompson, Pritchard, Lumb (1).

Referee: F. Denham.

Guildford: Pillar, Whyte, Curnon, Parry, Jack, Sands, Bligh, Staples, Carrig, Greenwood, Bishell.

Penrith: R. Campbell, Brandies, Thomas, Walker, Cook, Schaefer, Ward, Batchelor, C. Campbell, Vibert, Kennedy.

Referee: W. Davey.

Arncliffe Scots: Umpleby, Vines, Stuart, Podmore, C. Payne (1), T. Payne, Speechley, Blake, Tarver (1), Macy, Bardetta.

Warringah Saints: Cardiff, Daly, Phillips, Ambrosia, Boreham, Colman, Binfield (1), Bouman, Palogo (1), McGuiness, Johnston.

Referee: N. Jones.

FOURTH DIVISION

Eastsde MTK: Kerry, Stern, Stone, Wollard, Sugar, Bassil, Karsay, Bodnar (1), Wrublewski, Kaposi (1), Haver (1).

Granville All Stars: F. Wupper, Nielson, J. Rush, Newell, Dunscombe, Bainbridge, K. Barry, McCracken, F. Barry, A. Rush, E. Wupper.

Referee: P. Nikolas.

Smithfield: Kilmurray, Fuz, A. Noble, McWhirter, Dodd, Parker, Cook, Stephen (1), B. Noble (1), Green (1).

Bankstown RSL: Murphy, Malley, Howard, Nartais, Coulter, Richardson, Giles, Dicks, Kovomodis, Ballhouse, Gregory.

Last week's amateur results

First Division

Artarmon v. Manly 1-1, 3-4; Wenty Waratah v. Concordia 2-1, 5-1; Marconi v. Lane Cove 3-0, 1-1.

Second Division

Granville Kewpies v. Ryde 3-4, 3-1; East Sydney Atlantic v. NS Inter 0-5, 2-3; Lidcombe v. Sydney University 0-2, 0-3; Padstow RSL v. Marrickville 0-12, 0-5; University NSW v. Auburn Juniors 4-1, 4-6.

Third Division

Liverpool City v. Yagoona 2-7, 1-2; Gymea v. Willoughby 5-2, 3-2; Arncliffe v. Warringah Saints 2-2, 4-1; Riverside Rapids v. Western Suburbs 3-2, 1-7; Guildford v. Penrith 4-0, 5-0.

Fourth Division

East Side v. Granville All Stars 3-1, 3-1; Liverpool Inter v. Blacktown 6-0, second grade won by Blacktown on forfeit; Dee Why v. Condell Park 4-4, 1-2; Smithfield v. Bankstown abandoned after 65 minutes, second grade 2-2.

THIS WEEKEND'S AMATEUR DRAW

SATURDAY, JUNE 18

First Division

Belmore v. Artarmon, Rudd Park; South Sydney v. Thistle, Booralee Park; Lane Cove v. North Bankstown, Pottery Green.

Second Division

Marrickville v. Granville Kewpies, Mackey Park; NS-Inter v. Padstow RSL, Anderson Park.

Third Division

Willoughby v. Liverpool City, Northbridge Oval; Penrith v. Gymea, Jamieson Park; Arncliffe Scots v. Riverside Rapids, Cahill Park.

Fourth Division

Condell Park v. East Side, Bankstown Showground; Granville All Stars v. Bankstown RSL, Jones Park.

SUNDAY, JUNE 19

First Division

Manly v. Concordia, Graham Reserve; Marconi v. Wenty Waratahs, Marconi Oval.

Second Division

Ryde v. Sydney Uni., Hall Field; Auburn Juniors v. East Sydney Atlantic, Progress Park; University NSW v. Lidcombe, David Phillips Oval.

Third Division

Yagoona v. Western Suburbs, O'Neill Park; Warringah v. Guildford, Dee Why Oval.

Fourth Division

Blacktown v. Dee Why, Maryong Oval; Liverpool Inter v. Smithfield, Jardine Park.

MARRICKVILLE UNDEFEATED

With a three point lead after 10 rounds in the first grade Inter-Suburban Second Division and a one point lead in second grade, and both teams undefeated, Marrickville can be justly proud of their achievements this year.

Full credit must go to former players, Brian Adamson and Bob Bennett, who returned to the club to take over the coaching of all senior players.

Team spirit and team work have been built up to a high degree, and under the astute leadership of Barry Hockey, the first grade has turned on some delightful football.

Leading goalscorer is Claude Sereni, last year's first grade goalie.

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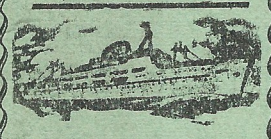

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SECOND DIVISION

Five teams left in promotion race

No real upsets marked the resumption of the competition after a one week break last weekend.

Polonia-North Side crushed Wollongong Olympic 5-0 to jump to a two-point lead over Melita Eagles, 4-1 victors over Western United.

The table is now divided in three clear sections: the promotion contenders — Polonia, Melita Eagles, Wollongong Olympic, Canterbury and Bankstown; the "middle class", a long way from the leaders — Granville, Sydney Austral, Hornsby-North End and Western United, and isolated at the foot of the ladder, on their own without a single point and four points behind Western United, luckless Sutherland, the undisputed woodenspooners.

CANTERBURY v. SYDNEY AUSTRAL 4-3

An incident-packed game which nearly turned to confusion when Sydney Austral threatened to walk off the field after their inside-right Bosklopper was sent off.

Forwards dominated this fast and furious match, particularly Greek international Saravakos who scored three goals, one a penalty.

The half-time score was 3-3 and the second half produced a spectacular duel between the home forwards and Austral's uncompromising defence.

Canterbury: Taylor, Woods, Drikos, Gailbraith, Romanos, Grapsis, Saravakos, Vassilopoulos, Moraielis, Jamieson. **Goals:** Saravakos (3), Vassilopoulos.

Sydney Austral: Sherman, Horne, Iro, Pronk, Bykerk, White, Workum, Bosklopper, Erasmus, Omeros, Smit. **Goals:** Pronk, Erasmus, Omeros.

HORNSBY-NE v. SUTHERLAND 4-2

A hard tussle until half time when the visitors led 2-1.

After the interval Hornsby quickened their tempo and their rugged, hard tackling football overwhelmed the tired Sutherland who were saved from bigger defeat by goalie Peter Gray who played magnificently.

Hornsby-North End: McDonald, Lapwood, Vickers, Bottrill, Booth, Hughes, Murray, Mcutchin, Bastas, Hickey, Dickerson. **Goals:** Dickerson (2), Hickey. Bastas.

Sutherland: Gray, Gilham, McKerny, Moore, R. Arrighi, Davidson, Travers, Cucitti, Gregorus, Shrubsole, Whiteman. **Goals:** Cucitti, Gregorus.

MELITA EAGLES v. WESTERN UNITED 4-1

An easy win for Melita Eagles although the second half was scoreless.

Western United, apart from a few moments in the second half, were never in the race and could have lost by a bigger margin had the Melita forwards not wasted many good chances.

Melita Eagles: Eaton, Fazackerley, Cosettini, Jaros, Cilia, Lang, Brown, Hewlett, M. Azzopardi, Caldwell, L. Azzopardi. **Goals:** Caldwell (2), Brown, M. Azzopardi.

Western United: A. Gollie, Putrie, McLaren, Sharpe, Cooper, V. Gollie, Andrejewski, Melinz, Kelly, Squires, McCann. **Goal:** Squires.

WOLLONGONG OLYMPIC v. POLONIA-NS 0-5

Polonia gave their classiest display of the season to whitewash the provincials.

Star of the match was Polonia centre-forward Adamczyk who scored a goal and had a hand in all the others.

Polonia led 4-0 at half-time and were content to play clever, eye-catching football after the interval against opponents who could only answer with courage and fighting spirit.

Wollongong Olympic: Delhaas, Potter, Isedale, Muhlbauer, Harley, Semister, Large, Niperess, Worthington, Egbers, Hondriagiannis.

Polonia-NS: Drewniak, Filok, Cebula, Oliver, Dzialach, Komoder, Gaik, Hajduk, Adamczyk, Krawiarz, Calphy, **Goals:** Hajduk (2), Krawiarz (2), Adamczyk.

GRANVILLE-AEK v. BANKSTOWN 1-3

An exciting match which was decided in the midfield.

Bankstown took their chances much better than Granville, whose forwards broke down miserably in front of goal.

Star of the match was 17-year-old Bankstown left winger Clark who scored a great goal and played havoc with Granville fullback Dacovanos every time he had the ball.

Granville-AEK: Pontekas, Dacovanos, Anderson, Creely, Lorenzutta, Tran, Lloyd, Magyar, Young, Ambos, Day. **Goal:** Ambos.

Bankstown: Friedl, Jamieson, Fitzgerald, Brennan, Hinksman, McDermott, Stiffle, Grange, Bamforth, Madden, Clark. **Goals:** Bamforth, Madden, Clark.

THIS WEEKEND

The Bankstown-Canterbury match at Bankstown Oval on Saturday will have a vital bearing on the keenly fought promotion issue.

A win is imperative for the home team if they don't want to lose contact with the leading quartet.

This should be a close, hard tussle with the more imaginative and mobile Canterbury forwards winning the day.

The other matches seem like foregone conclusions with Polonia almost certain to beat Sydney Austral, Granville coming out on top at Francis Park against Western United, Melita Eagles overpowering Sutherland and Wollongong Olympic disposing of Hornsby-North End at Balgownie.

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VICTORIANS PLEDGE:

"We come to bury Roma, not to praise it..."

— From BOB LOW in Melbourne —

A gallant display in their first game when they took Roma to the cleaners for 70 minutes could instil a quiet confidence in the re-arranged Victorian team to meet the Italians in the return game at Olympic Park this Sunday.

However, it must be assumed that Victoria will lose some class with the dropping of Gajda and Nestorides who have obviously been replaced with a view to bringing more pace into the attack.

Shock inclusions in the squad are Bob Reilly, a forward who recently arrived for Wilhelmina and who has so far only played two league games for the Ringwood side and Tommy Roseweir, the Lions centre forward.

Both Reilly and Roseweir have a striking similarity in their style of play.

Neither is what one would term ball artists, both are well built and strong with a good turn of speed and both like the through ball to run on to and hit hard.

In defence some doubts exist as to the fitness of 'keeper Norm Hobson but deputy John Young of Slavia who played this year against Bratislava should, if required, prove a capable substitute.

Other than the doubt on Hobson the Victorian defence is expected to show little change from the first game although possibilities are that Micic could be left out and a place found for Irish international defender John O'Neill of Hakoah.

Little is known at the time of going to press of the likely formation of the Victorian attack.

Anderson of Hellas is of course a certainty barring injury while McMeechan is almost sure to be included — but where?

Victoria's defence can survive strong pressures as has been aptly proved in many matches against other touring sides.

But they must be allowed breathing space by their forwards and this is where some doubt exists in the Victorian side.

Victoria can again acquit themselves well and the possibility of a win for them cannot be discounted.

The Victorian squad is:

Goalkeepers: Hobson, Young. **Full backs:** Shepherd, Cook. **Utility defender:** O'Neill **Half backs:** Janczyk, Rice, Micic. **Forwards:** Abonyi, McMeechan, Reilly, Roseweir, Anderson, MacKay.

CYCLING VENUE NOT FOR SOCCER

For some time now speculation has existed regarding the future of the Velodrome, built and used for cycling but which in recent years has suffered badly through lack of support.

It has been hinted on several occasions that unless the crowds and support at bike racing increases, the Velodrome would be offered to soccer.

Not that the Victorian Soccer Federation have ever tried to get in by the back door on this ground which stands next door to Olympic Park, or have even suggestered that they would accept the tenancy if offered.

So far the Olympic Park management have not indicated their plans for the use of the Velodrome for next season but a recent statement seems to suggest that the wheelers will in fact get the OK to carry on with the possible proviso that cycling promoter Bill Long will have to spare no effort in trying to boost the attendances with top rate attractions from overseas.

Anyway, it may not be desirable for soccer to take a lease on the Velodrome which is so close to Olympic Park.

If matches are played at both venues on the same day one lot will suffer badly.

In addition, the Velodrome would require considerable alterations to make it suitable for State League soccer.

Juventus lick wounds and plan noisy come-back

Adelaide Juventus, out to regain their composure after last week's shattering loss to Enfield, have struck a difficult "comeback" opponent in Seacliff-Austria.

Austria began the season badly, losing their first four games but have since blossomed into a threatening combination.

Juventus' shock loss last Saturday could bring a ruthless reaction from coach Mario Corti.

The USC Lion v. Enfield City game appears certain to be exciting.

Hellas face their problem opponent, Victoria, away from home.

Victoria wrested a point from their more fancied opponent in the first round and are geared to repeat or better the performance.

Croatia, opposed to Polonia, looms as a predictably even struggle.

Polonia's youngsters may be more versatile but Croatia's greater experience should prove a balancing factor.

Talented, youthful Burnside-Budapest have won only one league game this season — against Saturday's opponents, Cumberland, by a wide four goal margin.

Despite this, Cumberland if they follow their current home game trend, should win.

Selections: Juventus, Enfield City, Hellas, Polonia, Cumberland.

Adelaide program

Saturday, June 18

Adelaide Juventus v. Seacliff Austria, Olympic Sports Field. Referee: R. Pearce.

USC Lion v. Enfield City, Hindmarsh Stadium. Referee:

Victoria v. West Adelaide Hellas, Blair Athol. Referee: M. O'Malley.

A. Frost.

Polonia v. Croatia, Croydon Park. Referee: W. Hosie.

Cumberland v. Burnside-Budapest, Bailey Reserve. Referee: K. Candy.

— ALLAN CRISP

BRISBANE SEES EASY ROMA WIN

— From ALAN FOUCHE in Brisbane —

A dismal crowd of only 7,800 saw Roma completely outclass a poor Queensland at the Exhibition Ground, Brisbane, last Saturday when the Italians won a drab, dull match 6-0 after leading 2-0 at halftime.

Heavy rain during the two days prior to the match added to the running of the Stradbroke Handicap, was no doubt some reason for the poor attendance, but even so local officials were bitterly disappointed at the shocking response of the public.

The only bright spot of a dismal afternoon was a sizzling performance by Roma's right winger Leonardi, whose great runs constantly had the Queensland defence in a tangle.

Queensland, attempting to play a 4-2-4 system with Red Edmunds joining with Matt Jackson as linkman, held their own for the first 10 minutes, but once Roma had gone to the front there was only one team in it and Da Silva's crashing 20-yard second goal was the only feature of a poor first half.

After the interval, Queensland goalie Ross Kelly was never out of the action and although beaten four more times was largely responsible for keeping the score within decent limits.

The nearest Queensland came to scoring was when centre-forward Eric Pattison, held for most of the game in a vice-like grip by Losi, the Italian skipper, slammed a great shot against the post.

For Roma, Leonardi was the pick of a forward line that always looked dangerous, while in defence Losi was virtually unbeatable.

In the closing stages Roma opened up play and their delightful combination left the locals floundering.

However, by then the crowd was streaming out long before the end of the match — although mismatch would be a better word.

For Queensland, only Ross Kelly impressed.

The forwards completely failed to click and were never dangerous.

Guido Masetti, Roma's coach, said after the match that it was easily the best performance by his team on the tour and that they would "show Australia a thing or two on Monday". **(They certainly didn't. Ed.).**

Masetti also said that the Exhibition Oval's surface was easily the best in Australia.

He picked out Keith Jones, Ross Kelly and Ray Richards as Queensland's best three players.

One sour note of the afternoon's play was the way the Roman players continually disputed referee Vince Dobinson's decisions. **(The "feud" continued on Monday in Sydney when the Romans were hopping mad that linesman Dobinson didn't wave Morrow offside when he scored. — Ed.)**

Details:

Queensland: Kelly; Haigh, Kathage; Jackson, Hosie, Petie (Allison); McMillan, Richards, Pattison, Edmunds, Jones.

AS Roma: Ginulfi; Tomasin, Sensibile; Tamborini, Losi, Carpanesi; Leonardi, Benitez, Da Silva, Francesconi, Enzo.

Scorers: Francesconi 9 and 83 mins., Da Silva 32 and 75 mins., Leonardi 55 min., Benitez 65 min. for Roma.

Referee: V. Dobinson.

Crowd: 7,800.

CRISP COMMENTS

Sing Tao can count on Adelaide for another match on their planned Australian tour in August.

The SA Federation Board has agreed in principle to arrange a game for the Hong Kong club.

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FIFA referee Bill Hosie has been appointed for the SA v. AS Roma game on June 25.

His linesmen will be Denis Grant and John Aylmore.

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Beograd forwards E. Dankowski and I. Jerosimic have been placed on their club's transfer list.

— o —

Port Adelaide have secured the transfer of Des Coombs from Croatia.

Coombs is the eighth former first division player to sign for the second division club this season.

The others are: Johnny Baines (Austria), Ted Donnelly (Cumberland), Obren Dragovich (USC Lion), Jim Cooper (Juventus), John Harris (Enfield), Brian McGreevey (Croatia) and Cliff Votier (Enfield).

Adelaide details

Enfield City v. Adelaide Juventus 3-1 (3-0). Goals: Parsons 2, Whincup; Cruz.

Burnside-Budapest v. Polonia 21- (0-0). Goals: Matiscsak; Kolecki, Marciniak.

Croatia v. Victoria 1-3.

WA Hellas v. USC Lion 9-2.

Seacliff-Austria v. Cumberland 1-0.

VICTORIAN TABLE

JUST	6	2	3	18	13	14
Croatia	5	2	4	19	11	12
Polonia	5	2	4	14	11	12
Juventus	6	—	5	17	14	12
George Cross	5	1	5	14	13	11
Melbourne	4	3	4	14	17	11
Hakoah	3	3	5	11	11	9
Lions	3	2	6	10	25	8
Alexander	3	1	7	11	20	7
Wilhelmina	3	—	8	15	23	6

MELB. HSC UPSURGE

At the half way mark of the league season the tremendous revival of Melbourne who thrashed George Cross has not gone by unoticed.

With 11 games still to play they are only one point worse off than they were at the end of the 1965 league season.

Last Monday's matches saw four players sent off the field — Dixon and Vella of JUST, Norman of Juventus and Alexander's Michaelidis.

Last weekend's match details:

CROATIA v. POLONIA 3-1

Scorers: Vojtek (2) and McIntyre for Croatia; Katolik for Polonia.

HAKOAH v. LIONS 0-0

GEORGE CROSS v. MELBOURNE 2-4

Scorers: Hill and Campbell for George Cross; Connelly (3) and Abonyi for Melbourne.

WILHELMINA v. SM-HELLAS 1-2

Scorers: Reilly for Wilhelmina; Kamboropolous and Anderson for Hellas.

JUVENTUS v. ALEXANDER 3-1

Scorers: Barbazza, Lockhurst and Millar for Juventus Mangopoulos for Alexander.

SLAVIA v. JUST 2-0

Scorers: Laraman and Lowen.

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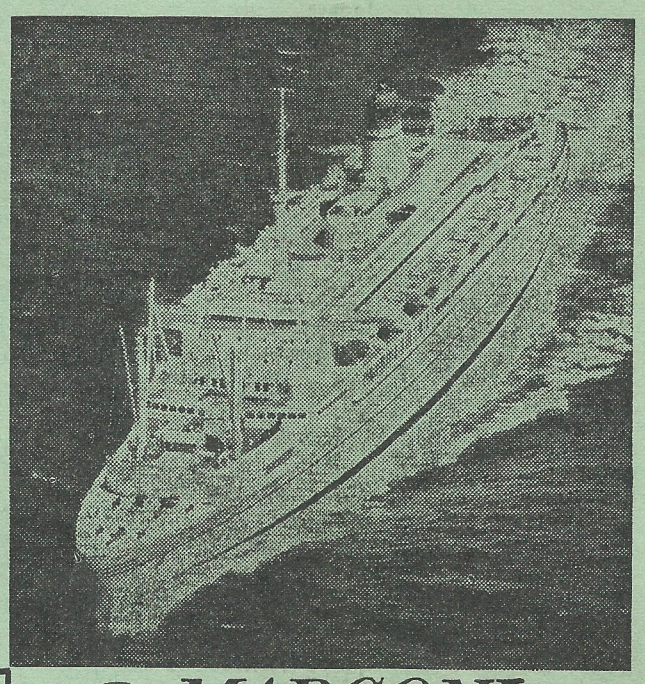

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ROUND THE WORLD

ENGLAND'S World Cup players are in camp at Wellington, in Shropshire, since last Wednesday week. The Englishmen will play eight friendly matches against local amateur sides in between their internationals against Denmark, Norway and Poland in the next two weeks.

Old Racing dying

One of France's oldest and most famous clubs, Racing Club Paris, may be taken over by Sedan, a small but prosperous first division club near the Belgian border. Racing, languishing in second division since 1963, are bankrupt but Sedan are willing to take them over and, in return, call the new club Racing Sedan and play every second home match in Paris. The population of Sedan is only 35,000 and matches there never draw more than 8,000 spectators.

Bundesliga's huge crowds

West Germany's Bundesliga attracted 7,500.000 spectators in its third year last season. An average of 25,000 people watched each match. This figure is remarkable because Tasmania Berlin had a catastrophic season and played most of their matches in front of only 5,000 spectators in the Berlin Olympic Stadium which can hold 100,000. Had the Berlin team enjoyed a good year, the Bundesliga's total attendance would have been 500,000 more.

France decorates Pele

Pele last week received his first civil decoration and it wasn't from Brazil. At Sao Paulo the Brazilian ace was decorated with the French Order of Merit by the French Ambassador to Brazil, Jean de la Tour du Pin. The French government conferred the award to Pele "for his shining example to the youth of France". Only two French sportsmen have ever been honoured thus: Alain Mimoun, winner of the Melbourne Olympic marathon and cyclist Louison Bobet, three-time winner of the Tour de France.

BBC's World Cup coverage

The BBC will spare no effort and money to give British viewers the most extensive coverage of all time during the World Cup next month. Soccer will be televised for five hours every day. Viewers will not only see one full match but also highlights of every match in the evening. The BBC has hired Danny Blanchflower, Johnny Haynes, Tommy Docherty, Joe Mercer, Don Revie, Jimmy Hill and Arthur Ellis, the former referee to comment on all aspects of the World Cup for three weeks.

Another Brazilian super star?

Have Brazil unearthed another Pele? This is the question on the lips of every Brazilian after the brilliant display of 17-year-old Edu Alfredo de Souza in a recent World Cup squad trial in Rio. Edu, who plays for Santos since May, is already endowed with the best left foot shot in the country and Pele now insists that he play centre-forward next to him. The two combined so well in the four matches they've played together that Edu is now a certainty to go to England.

● Georges Heylens, the Anderlecht right back, has been named as Belgium's player of the year for 1965-66

● **Guillermo Canedo, president of the Mexican FA has been appointed president of the Central and North American Football Confederation and will automatically become one of the FIFA's vice-presidents until 1970.**

● Hannover 96 drew the largest crowds in the 1965-66 West German Bundesliga. Their average home crowd was 31,880. Tasmania, Berlin, with the biggest ground in Germany, averaged the least spectators — 8,996.

● **Albert Brulls, the West German star, will remain with Brescia, who rejected a $100,000 offer from Modena for him.**

● The Uruguayan Senate has struck a medal to commemorate Penarol Montevideo's win in the South American Champions' Cup.

● **There is a strong possibility that Elek Schwartz may rejoin Benfica as a coach next season after 18 months in West Germany with Eintracht Frankfurt, who last week beat Feyenoord (Holland) 4-1 in a Rappan Cup first round match.**

● Murcia, the second division Spanish club, is in the "red" for $180,000 and may have to disband.

● **Antonio Liberti, the president of the top Buenos Aires club River Plate, is in Barcelona negotiating with Alfredo di Stefano whom he wants as technical director.**

● Hungary and France will meet in the first match of the 1966-67 season in Budapest on September 28.

● **The Fair Cities' Cup final between Zaragoza and Barcelona will be played in Madrid on September 2.**

● FC Leipzig, the East German club, has won the 1965-66 Rappan Cup. They beat Norrkoping (Sweden) 4-0 in the final — four weeks after the 1966 series had already started.

● **Italy's centre-forward Sandro Mazzola tips an Italy v. Spain World Cup final.**

● A Brazilian clairvoyant, who in 1962 tipped that Brazil would win the World Cup final 3-1, has gone one better this year. His forecast: Brazil to beat England 1-0 in the 1966 final through a goal by Amarildo . . .

● **Ace Brazilian midfield player Gerson has withdrawn from the World Champions' squad. He suffers from a kidney complaint and has been replaced by Lima Dos Santos.**

● Barcelona, and not Real Madrid, have the most players in Spain's World Cup squad. They have seven as against the European Champions' six, Zaragoza's five and the current champions, Atletico's four.

● **Mexico's Head of State, President Gustavo Diaz Ordoz, gave the kick-off at the inaugural match at the new Mexico City soccer stadium three weeks ago. The President is a keen soccer fan and has bought a "loggia" for life (cost $5,000) in the magnificent Aztec Stadium.**

● Real Madrid are booked to play 12 friendly matches between June 20 and August 31. For each match the Spaniards will collect $20,000.

● **Turkey qualified for the final of the World Army Championship with a 5-0 win over the Netherlands at Ankara.**

● La Chaux-de-Fonds (Switzerland) played a 2-2 draw with Lanerossi Vicenza (Italy) in a first round Rappan Cup match. In another match at Strasbourg, Atalanta Bergamo (Italy) beat the French Cup winners Strasbourg 2-1.

● **Chile's World Cup team scored a 2-0 win over England's Sheffield United at Santiago before a crowd of 70,000. In another match at Santiago, Mexico's World Cup XI drew 1-1 with AC Milan and 0-0 with Sheffield United.**

● Argentina twice defeated the touring Italian club Cagliari in Buenos Aires: 3-1 and 2-0.

● **Fulham had a 1-0 win over the Asian "All-Stars" at Penang, Northern Malaysia, last week. The Asian team included all the best players in Asia, the North Koreans and Red Chinese excepted. The "All-Stars" will meet Sheffield Wednesday in Kuala Lumpur this weekend.**

FIFA ban on "Oriundi"

FIFA has barred Argentina from playing Maschio and Sivori in the World Cup. These two brilliant "Oriundi" disqualified themselves by playing many times for Italy, the birthplace of their parents. Argentina, however, has lodged an appeal against the ban. Sivori, in the meantime, has returned to Italy after playing two matches in Buenos Aires as a guest player with Cagliari.

Final French squad chosen

France was the first country to announce its final World Cup squad of 22 players. The squad is: Eon, Aubour, Schuth, Djorkaeff, Artelesa, Bosquier, Budzinski, Maryan, De Michele, Chorda, Bonnel, Herbin, Muller, Herbet, Blanchet, Gondet, Simon, De Bourgoing, Couecou, Robuschi, Hausser, Baraffe, Combin, Six players come from Nantes, the French champions for the second consecutive season, and four from Bordeaux, the runners-up.

Munich does a Liverpool

Munich has emulated Liverpool in soccer fame. Just like the Merseyside city, the Bavarian capital's soccer clubs have won both the West German championship and cup this season. Munchen 1860 took out their first ever national title two weeks ago and last Sunday Bayern Munchen beat Meiderich 4-2 in the Cup final at Frankfurt.

Dukla's surprise title win

Dukla Prague suprised everyone by coming from behind to win their eighth Czechoslovakian title since the end of the war. The Prague-based army club finished with the same number of points as Slavia and Sparta, also Prague teams, but their goal-average was much better. At one stage Dukla was six points behind Slavia and Sparta who staged a two-horse race for most of the season.

Substitutes a big success

English Football League president Joe Richards said in London last week that the use of substitutes in England last season had been a big success and that no club had exploited the new rule. The English League will now press for substitutes in FA Cup matches too next season.

Juliano is Italy's golden boy

Napoli's 19-year-old forward Juliano has been awarded Italy's "golden footballer trophy". The award goes each year to the player judged by the country's top soccer writers to be the greatest prospect in Italy. Juliano was the revelation of the season and has been included in the Italian World Cup squad. Such great players as Rivera, Facchetti and Mazzola have won the award in the past.

SCOREBOARD

INTERNATIONALS: Finland v. Sweden 1-0 (Helsinki); Eire v. France 0-0 (under-23, Dublin); Yugoslavia v. Bulgaria 0-2 (Belgrade); Brazil "B" v. Poland 4-1 (Sao Paulo); Portugal "B" v. Belgium "B" 0-0 (Lisbon); Everton v. Fenerbahce (Turkey) 1-0 (Istanbul); Allianza Lima v. Torino 1-2 (Lima, Peru); Brazil v. Czechoslovakia 2-1 (Rio); Portugal v. Norway 4-0 (Lisbon).

HUNGARY: MTK v. Salgotarjan 3-1; Ferencvaros v. Honved 3-1; Dorog v. Vasas 0-0; Gyor v. Tatabanya 1-5; Ozd v. Csepel 2-3; Diosgyor v. Dunaujvaros 0-0. **Vasas are spring champions with 21 points, followed by Ferencvaros on 20 points and Honved on 19.**

YUGOSLAVIA: Vojvodina v. Red Star 1-2; Partizan v. Olimpija 1-2; Rijeka v. Sarajevo 1-1; Velez v. OFK Belgrade 4-2; Hajduk v. Dinamo Zagreb 0-1; Zagreb v. Tresnjevka 2-1; Zeljeznicar v. Radnicki Nis 1-0; Radnicki Belgrade v. Vardar 3-1.

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SYDNEY CLUB PATROL

Blood must really be thicker than water . . . This can be the only explanation to the attitude of a large section of the Italian spectators at last Monday's Roma V. Australia match. These spectators ardently barracked for a Roma win, and in the process kept heaping abuse on the two APIA players, Campana and Giacometti, whom they accused of every "sin" under the sun. The same Campana and Giacometti whom they idolise at local matches and who played with precisely the same qualities and faults against the Romans . . .

HAKOAH'S publicity officer, Bill Kadison, left last week for a five-week business trip to the USA, England and the Continent. He may take in a few of the early World Cup matches whilst in England.

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ANDREW Vass, Canterbury's secretary, hotly denies rumors that the club's Greek section ever intended to rejoin Pan Hellenic. "We are fully committed to Canterbury", he said last week, "and will back the club to the hilt".

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CROATIA'S reserve grade forward Glen Mitchell will have to keep his right foot in plaster for three weeks. Mitchell has been troubled with his foot ever since he made a first team appearance in the Ampol Cup four months ago.

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AT the moment three Sydney clubs are toying with the idea of bringing out leading European club teams early next year. Prague have the famous Slavia in mind, St. George-Budapest are negotiating with MTK of Hungary and Yugal would like to be hosts to the current Yugoslav champions, Vojvodina.

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CORINTHIANS invite juniors under the age of 18 to train with the club every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 7.15 p.m. at Trumper Park, Paddington. The coaching will be conducted by former English international Frank Broome.

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CROATIA have a bright new "find" in 23-year-old Reinhardt Swoboda, a German-born bricklayer who has been in Australia for 18 months. Swoboda, who lives at Glebe, turned up at a Croatia training session early in the season and was promptly snapped up. He played in the reserve team until last week when coach Leo Baumgartner decided to give him a chance in the first team. Swoboda didn't pass up the chance and, playing on the left wing, was one of the best players on the field.

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ANDY Sagi is the new coach of Granville-AEK. Sagi accepted the position last week after Brian Birch, the former Slavia-Melbourne, Hakoah and Canterbury coach, declined the post.

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ANOTHER two Sydney goalkeepers played out of position last weekend. Ivo Djukic played at left fullback in the Yugal first team against Cumberland and Jim Fraser, the Croatia and NSW under-18 custodian was his reserve side's outside-right against Hakoah.

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PRAGUE president John Domabyl is another Sydney official who will be in England for the World Cup. He left this week for a trip which will also take in Czechoslovakia.

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THE Roma players and officials were very bitter at the end of last Monday's match. One official claimed that Australia's first goal, which was "offside", would have caused a first class riot in Rome. "The tifosi would have lynched the referee", he said. The Romans were also critical of the pitch — "fit for cows", was their verdict.

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GERRY Hood scored another two goals in Hakoah's third grade team last week against Croatia. This weekend he moves up to second grade and within a fortnight he should be back in the first team which badly needs him to pep up the attack.

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DESPITE their disappointment, most Romans lavished praise on the Australian XI. Journalist Enzo Petrucci of "Il Messaggero" rated the Australian defence every bit as good as any first division Italian defence and was very impressed with Rice, Watkiss, Hughes and Rorke, in that order. Coach Guido Masetti thought Edwards and Hughes were Australia's best and right fullback Glauco Tomasin liked Holden, Rice, Watkiss and Nuttall best.

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CANTERBURY have signed a forward from Hellas, Andy Moraitelis, who made his debut at inside-left last week against Sydney Austral.

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"A typical Italian first division match", was the comment of AS Roma's team doctor, Rossi, after the Australia v. Roma match. "Nearly all Italian league matches produce the same brawling, scrappy and dramatic football, but what a shocking decision, that big off-side Australian goal", added Rossi.

IF two is a crowd, what is 30? Last Monday night in the ABC's "Sports Cavalcade", compere Norman May referred to "30 players sloshing through mud" in the Roma v. "NSW" (sic) match. We know he is Rugby Union inclined — but isn't it a bit too thick that he shouldn't even know soccer is played by teams of 11, not 15?

CROATIA are on the lookout for a top centre-half from interstate. The club, however, may now have second thoughts after the brilliant display of Ron Baker in that position against Hakoah. Baker, a most versatile player, has played everywhere except in goal.

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WISH someone had told Showground and Federation officials that most of the Italian flags on view last Monday went out of style some 20 years ago. Italian flags no longer bear the coat of arms of the Italian royal House of Savoia. The Italian tricolor today is just plain green, white and red.

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PAT Hughes' wife Patricia returned to Australia with children Stephen and David last Monday morning.

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AMONG the many VIPs present at the Australia-Roma match last Monday were the Governor of NSW, Sir Rhoden Cutler, His Eminence Cardinal Gilroy and the Lord Mayor of Sydney, John Armstrong.

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SECOND Division Hornsby-North End have signed Queenslander Jim Horne, a 23-year-old English centre-forward who played for Merton Rovers.

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SPEAKING of Giacometti, who was viciously booed by many Italian spectators last Monday, AS Roma skipper Giacomo Losi said after the match that the APIA forward was one of the toughest players he had ever played against. "Giacometti was always on my back and caused me no end of bother. He plays like a true Italian pro.", said Losi.

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KENNY Wilkins, the former Western United player, has signed with Brisbane second division club Easts United.

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POSTMORTEM

This Australian XI was fitter than 1965 World Cup team

— says Billy Rice

Billy Rice, one of Australia's heroes in the Sydney Showground match against AS Roma last Monday, gambled with fate when he decided to leave his native Northern Ireland eight years ago to join the now defunct Victorian club, Footscray.

The gamble proved highly successful.

The smiling 27-year-old Irishman has won representative honors for his State and Australia, and last year was named vice-captain of the Australian World Cup team in Cambodia.

The likeable, witty Rice was plagued with misfortune for most of the tour and did not play a game after the return World Cup tie against North Korea at Phnom-Penh.

The second half of this match was an odd moment in Billy Rice's fine soccer career.

He suffered agonizing stomach pains at halftime and played the whole second half in a semi daze, and to this day he has no recollection of what happened during the second half.

Rice defied doctor's orders and resumed regardless, playing a remarkably good game for a man blinded with pain.

Rice was very disappointed with the result last Monday.

"We wanted a victory for Australia", he said as he was untying the laces of his muddy shoes.

"It was a hard, good game which everybody must have enjoyed".

He also said that this Australian XI was a much fitter side than the one which played against North Korea last November.

Rice never played senior soccer in Ireland.

He was with a junior side for eight years before migrating to Australia.

After two seasons with Footscray he became a JUST player when the two clubs amalgamated.

Rice is a firm believer in the maxim that a player gets out of the game only what he puts into it.

And he is intensely loyal to the club that gave him his big chance.

He thinks and sleeps soccer and is always striving to improve his play.

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Grand display by Watkiss at half

— By PAUL DEAN —

In both teams last Monday the defences stood out — miles above the forwards.

In the Australian XI. rearguard there were absolutely no weak points.

Rorke in goal was magnificent, covering himself in glory — and mud.

All three fullbacks were far above their average form but even among these three good defenders Nuttall stood out.

● Fact proved

The two Australian wing halves played a grand game, especially Watkiss.

He acted as second stopper to Rice and rose to great heights once again proving that his real position is in the defence.

The forward line was patchy and only Holden held his own against the tough, fast Roman defenders.

Campana once again got carried away by his own cleverness while Morrow and Giacometti fought hard but with little purpose.

Walsh, playing really as a wing half, once again showed the Romans a thing or two from his repertoire.

In AS Roma's goal Cudicini brought off some great saves, including a fantastic back-flip the like of which we have not seen since the great Zeman.

Losi had a bitter duel with Giacometti and was not as certain of himself as against NSW.

Ardizzon, Tomasin and Cappelli all played well but Carpanesi played excellently: he was Roma's playmaker on the day.

The forwards, however, were rather disappointing with the exception of the one Tamborini who worked tirelessly and usefully.

Leonardi and Francesconi couldn't put their speed to good use on the waterlogged pitch and never got behind the Australian fullbacks to cut back their crosses.

● Slow walk

Benitez, especially in the second half, moved into top gear but Da Silva stayed oddly quiet and colorless.

These two were guilty of trying to walk the ball into the net forgetting that they faced not only a magnificent Rorke but also the mud.

SOCCER ITALIAN STYLE DIDN'T CRACK OUR TEAM

— By LOU GAUTIER —

Australia's defence rose to great heights to hold AS Roma to a 1-1 draw on the Sydney Showground mudheap last Monday.

For a team which had only been assembled 24 hours earlier, the Australian XI gave an impressive display.

The draw was more than justified, for although Australia's goal was undoubtedly a big off-side, Roma's equalizer, 90 seconds from time, was the result of a horridly unlucky mix-up between Edwards and Rorke, otherwise excellent all through the game.

The Romans are adamant that the heavy, churned up pitch upset their technical style of play and favored Australia, but I rather think Australia, too, suffered from the atrocious conditions.

Trying hard

On a firm surface, Australia would never have conceded Roma's last minute equalizer.

Let nobody tell you, the Romans "weren't trying" last Monday.

They played at a much faster tempo than ever before on their tour and were all out to win by as big a margin as possible from start to finish.

And when they were down 0-1 after 67 minutes, they wanted a goal so badly that they started to play the man instead of the ball and were lucky to finish the match with a full team.

Clean punch

At least two of their players would have received their marching orders had it been an ordinary Australian club game, especially the one (who shall remain nameless) guilty of punching referee Lamb on the chin after Morrow's goal.

The Italians wanted the equalizer so badly that when Tamborini cleverly exploited a misunderstanding between Rorke and Edwards, he was nearly suffocated by the exciting embraces of his teammates.

The match was a bruising, brawling affair, played like a typical cup match.

With the rain pelting down and semi-darkness settling in after 70 minutes, the atmosphere was quite eerie.

The small crowd which had braved the elements, however, got full value for their money as the game was a thriller from start to finish with both teams desperately striving to win.

Australia's defenders covered themselves with glory.

PAT HUGHES

Their tackling, heading and positioning could not be faulted and they gave the Romans little room to manoeuvre.

Apart from a torrid 10 minutes in the middle of the first half, when the Roman attack was in full cry and a goal seemed imminent, the Australian defence had their opponents' measure and blotted most Italian forwards out of the game.

Australia's forwards were less impressive.

They lacked cohesion and did not display the same constructive football shown by the NSW attack the previous week.

They were up against a tough, no-nonsense Roma defence, which played every bit as well as it does in the pitiless battles of first division Italian "calcio".

Roma had bigger chances than Australia and how Benitez failed to score when he was clear and right in front of Rorke's goal in the 56th minute is inexplicable.

Australia's scoring opportunities were less glaring but Giacometti and Morrow, too, had their chances in the second half when the Australians were more on the attack than the Romans.

Home brew

To sum up, last Monday we finally saw soccer Italian style — the way it is played in Italy.

Roma were forced to pull out all stops, yet they were unable to outwit the courageous Australians.

And don't forget this Australian team was assembled hastily and never played together before.

Just how much better Australia could have played with a proper national team policy, makes interesting speculation.

Australian XI: Rorke; Edwards, Nuttall; Hughes, Rice, Watkiss; Morrow, Campana, Giacometti, Walsh, Holden. **Coach:** Marston.

AS Roma: Cudicini; Tomasin, Ardizzon; Capelli, Losi, Carpanesi; Leonardi (Sensibile), Benitez, Da Silva, Tamborini, Francesconi. **Coach:** Masetti.

Scorers: Morrow 67 min. for Australia; Tamborini 88 min. for Roma.

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ROBERTS' BRITISH DISPLAY PRAISED

John Roberts, the 21-year-old Australian international goalkeeper, has signed with Blackburn Rovers, who have just been relegated to English Second Division.

APIA will collect a $2,500 transfer fee for the Cessnock-born custodian.

Roberts played impressively in Blackburn's last two games in First Division as the following London newspaper reports clearly demonstrate.

"About the only pleasing feature from Rovers' viewpoint was the form of 21-year-old Australian goalkeeper John Roberts. He was alert, safe in his handling, made several intelligent interceptions and two first-class saves from Lea and Waddell." (DAILY MAIL).

"It was tough on Blackburn's 21-year-old Aussie goalkeeper John Roberts, playing only his second game of League football. Roberts produced a couple of 'I'll show the Doc' saves that stamped him as a first class 'keeper. A month ago Roberts was discarded by manager Tom Docherty after a 10-week trial with Chelsea." (OBSERVER, under the heading **"Aussie gives Doc food for thought"**.)

"Roberts, their Australian World Cup goalkeeper, made half a dozen saves that were above and beyond the course of normal duty". (DAILY MIRROR).

"Blackburn's Australian trialist 'keeper John Roberts was impressively confident". (EVENING STANDARD).

"Rovers seem to have a discovery in John Roberts, an Australian trialist recommended by Chelsea. He couldn't be blamed for any of the goals, made two first-class saves and moved with anticipation and intelligence". (THE TIMES).

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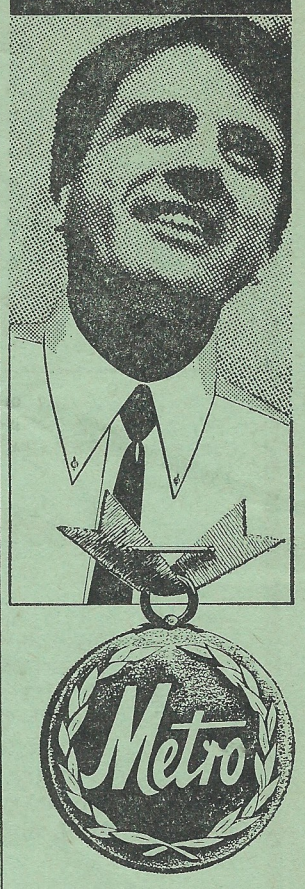

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